

# Turned up to 11

HJC's flagship evolves into an impressive lid

**HJC RPHA 11** £300-£450

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**NEVER WORN AN** HJC before, but it's really impressed me so far. The RPHA 11 is an evolution of the RPHA 10 Plus - they must work on their names - and is aimed at road and track riders. It comes with a Pinlock and a black visor included in the box, making the plain-coloured £300 version look especially good value. The shell is light at 1300g, the shape is aerodynamic and the lid is available in sizes from XXS to XXL. There are plenty of vents for hot summer or hard track work, and the vent controls feel nicely made. **MATT HULL**

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▲ Chain Monkey helps set your chain tension faster and more accurately

**Chain Monkey** £24.99

[www.tru-tension.co.uk](http://www.tru-tension.co.uk)

**A FANTASTIC TOOL** that needs to live in your toolbox. Invented by biker and kart racer Chris Frappell, the Chain Monkey takes the guesswork out of setting your chain tension. Preset the Chain Monkey, fix it to your chain, then adjust the chain until it's tight. Release the Chain Monkey and you will have the right tension.

It saves time, is superbly made and should last for years. It works on any bike, too. Rarely do you see such innovation in motorcycling - the Chain Monkey is really refreshing. **MH**

**Alpinestars Vega Drystar gloves** £84.99

[www.alpinestars.com](http://www.alpinestars.com)

**ALPINESTARS' NEW THREE-SEASON** gloves are made of slightly stretchy material, with a leather-and-suede palm and a tough knuckle protector. There are Velcro adjusters on the cuff and at the wrist for a secure, draught-free fit. The little finger is wrapped with suede for visor wiping, and bridged to the ring finger.

The lining is Thinsulate. The pleasant lack of bulk allows a good feel for the controls, and they're surprisingly warm - though I haven't worn them on any really icy days yet. They haven't had to

► Using DryStar rather than Gore-Tex helps to keep the price down

endure an extended period in heavy rain either, but the DryStar waterproof membrane has so far been perfectly dry in a series of heavy half-hour downpours. Available in sizes S-XXXL, they're decent gloves at a reasonable price. **SW**

